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THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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: EXAMINER: STEVENSON, A.

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FOR: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE,

METHOD OF MANUFACTURING

SAME AND METHOD OF

DESIGNING SAME

RESPONSE

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the official Office Action dated February 12, 2001, favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is requested.

Initially, applicants note that filed with the present response is an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) submitting a further translation of a relevant portion of JP58-124243 which reference was submitted in an IDS filed February 18, 2000.

#6/ Response
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